

AMENDMENTS AND LISTING OF CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Claims 1-8 (cancelled)

9. (currently amended) A method of treating skin of domesticated farm animals including dairy cattle, said method comprising applying a non-toxic, germicide, fungicide and healing composition in powdered form topically to said skin, said composition comprising (a) finely divided, particulate ~~chlorhexidine acetate~~ chlorhexidine-containing material, (b) finely divided, particulate zinc-containing material selected from the group consisting of ~~zinc stearate~~, zinc chloride, zinc nitrate, ~~zinc oleate~~, zinc oxide, zinc phosphate, zinc peroxide, zinc iodide, elemental zinc and mixtures thereof and (c) an inert powdered carrier, with said chlorhexidine-containing material and said zinc-containing material being present in an amount to achieve effective germicidal activity.

10. (currently amended) The method in accordance with Claim 9 wherein said zinc-containing material is present in an amount of from about 0.1% to about 15% by weight, and wherein said chlorhexidine-containing material is chlorhexidine acetate and said chlorhexidine acetate is present in an amount of from about 0.1% to about 12% by weight.

11. (Original) The method in accordance with Claim 10 wherein said zinc-containing material is present in an amount of from about 0.5% to about 6% by weight, and wherein said chlorhexidine acetate is present in an amount of from about 0.2% to about 5% by weight.

Claims 12-14 (cancelled)

15. (currently amended) A method of treating skin of domesticated farm animals including dairy cattle, said method comprising applying a non-toxic, germicide, fungicide and

healing composition in powdered form topically to said skin, said composition comprising (a) finely divided, particulate ~~chlorhexidine acetate~~ chlorhexidine-containing material, and (b) an inert powdered carrier, with said chlorhexidine-containing material being present in an amount to achieve effective germicidal activity.

16. (currently amended) The method in accordance with Claim 15 wherein said chlorhexidine-containing material is chlorhexidine acetate and said chlorhexidine acetate is present in an amount of from about 0.1% to about 12% by weight.

17. (previously presented) The method in accordance with Claim 16 wherein said chlorhexidine acetate is present in an amount of from about 0.2% to about 5% by weight.